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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/59/105 of 6 July 2004, the General Assembly at its current session will be required to appoint four members and four alternate members to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee, for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan);

Mr. Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry (Pakistan);

Ms. Valeria María González Posse (Argentina);

Mr. Andrei Vitalievitch Kovalenko (Russian Federation);

Mr. Gerhard Küntzle (Germany);

Mr. Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe);

Mr. Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya);

Mr. Thomas A. Repasch, Jr. (United States of America).

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

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Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan)

Date of birth

26 June 1935.

Academic history

1964	University of Strasbourg, international law, international relations.
1963	University of Bordeaux, international law, international relations.
1959	Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Spanish and Ibero-American studies, international law, international relations.

Diplomatic career

1993-1997	Ambassador of Japan to Costa Rica.
1989-1993	Permanent delegate of Japan to UNESCO, Ambassador.
1989	Minister, Embassy of Japan in France.
1987	Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations.
1986	Minister, Embassy of Japan in Uruguay.
1981	Director, Office of International Organization, Economic Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1978	Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Italy.
1978	Office of the Law of the Sea, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1969	Office of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1967	United Nations Bureau, administrative and budgetary matters of the United Nations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1965	Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva (budgets of the United Nations and specialized agencies).

Other professional experience

1959	The Bank of Tokyo, Head Office (foreign exchange officer).

Relations with the United Nations system

1999-	Member, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee.
1988-1994	Member, Committee on Contributions.
1987-1994	Fifth Committee of the General Assembly (alternate representative).

1969-1971	Sixth Committee of the General Assembly (Conventions on the privileges and immunities of special missions and representatives to international organizations, etc.).
1968	Fifth Committee.
1966	Third Committee (International Covenants on human rights).
1967-1968	Meetings of the Economic and Social Council.
1987-1993	UNESCO general conferences and other meetings.
1966-1968, 1993	General conferences of WHO, WMO, ILO and other specialized agencies.

Activities at other international conferences and meetings

1965	Asia-African Conference, Algiers.
1974	Asia-African Legal Consultative Committee, Tokyo.
1973	ICAT meeting, Madrid.
1980-1981	Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of OECD.
1980 and 1981	Joint meetings of IMF/World Bank.

Languages

Working languages: English, French and Spanish.

Adequate knowledge in Italian and Portuguese.

Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry (Pakistan)

Date of birth

27 February 1958.

Academic history

MA in international relations, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Present position

Minister/Deputy Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations.

Relations with the United Nations system

Delegate of Pakistan to the Fifth Committee since March 2000. Helped build consensus in intergovernmental negotiations on scores of administrative, budgetary, programmatic and evaluation aspects of the United Nations and United Nations peacekeeping (Fifth Committee, Committee for Programme and Coordination):

- Chaired intergovernmental negotiations on the United Nations regular budget in 2003.
- Served as Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Committee during the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, chairing informal negotiations on several issues and coordinating the activities of the Committee.
- Worked on the historic reform of the United Nations scale of assessments in 2000 to determine share of Member States to the Organization's regular and peacekeeping budgets.
- Steered intergovernmental negotiations on human resources management reforms in 2000-2001, culminating in the landmark reform package.
- Chaired intergovernmental negotiations on the implementation of the comprehensive review of United Nations peacekeeping operations in 2002.

Served as delegate of Pakistan to the Second Committee of the General Assembly.

Other professional experience

1999-2000	Political Counsellor, Embassy of Pakistan, Washington, D.C.
1997-1999	Director, Foreign Secretary Office.
1991-1997	Director in the Secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and facilitated its expansion/restructuring from a 3-member to a 10-member regional organization in Central and West Asia.
1984-1987	Third Secretary, Embassy of Pakistan, Doha.

Languages

English, Arabic, Urdu and Persian.

Professional training

Office management, effective communications, successful negotiation, planning projects, action and follow-up plans and resource management.

Valeria María González Posse (Argentina)

Date of birth: 5 October 1966, Córdoba, Argentina.

Profession: Career diplomat (lawyer).

Languages: Spanish, English (spoken and written), some knowledge of Italian and Portuguese.

Education and promotions

2000 Promoted to First Secretary.

1997 Promoted to Second Secretary.

1994 Appointed Third Secretary.

1993 Graduated from the National Foreign Service Institute (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship).

1991 Admitted to the National Foreign Service Institute, through a public competition.

1989 Lawyer. Graduated from the Catholic University of Córdoba, Argentina.

Posts and positions

Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly (forty-ninth to fifty-sixth sessions).

2003-2004	Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee
2003-2004	Member of the Working Group reviewing the size and composition of the Pension Board and the Standing Committee
2004	Elected First Vice-President of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
1996 to 2001	Member of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations. Member of the Argentine delegation to the Fifth Committee. Within the Mission, responsible for matters concerning the remuneration of diplomatic personnel abroad.
1999-2000	Delegate to the Security Council. Responsible for matters relating to sanctions and the Council's sanctions Committees.
2000	Member of the Security Council Working Group on general matters relating to sanctions.
2000	Chairman of the Committee on Conferences.
1999	Vice-Chairman, Committee for Programme and Coordination.
1998	Vice-Chairman, Committee on Conferences.
1998-2000	Delegate to the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
1993-1996	Responsible for matters relating to peacekeeping operations. International Organizations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1994-1996	Official visits to the following peacekeeping operations: ONUMOZ (Mozambique), UNPROFOR (former Yugoslavia), UNFICYP (Cyprus), UNIKOM (Iraq-Kuwait) and UNTSO (Golan Heights).

Courses

1997-2000	Took part in numerous seminars on the topic of sanctions.
1993-1996	Took part in numerous seminars on peacekeeping operations, as both participant and speaker.

Publications

"Post-conflict peace-building, making efforts count: reconstruction, elections and beyond", in *The Psychology of Peacekeeping* (1998, Praeger Publishers), Harvey J. Langholtz, editor.

Andrei Vitalievitch Kovalenko (Russian Federation)

Born: 4 October 1960, Moscow.

Education

1977-1982	Master of Arts, International Economics, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University).
1987	Professional training at the Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
2000-2004	Continuing studies at the International Institute of Management, Moscow.

Foreign languages

English and French.

Current position

Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York, Counsellor, United Nations budget, finance and human resources issues.

Professional experience

2000-2004	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, International Organizations Department: Counsellor, budget, finance and human resources issues of international organizations.
1996-2000	Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations Office at Geneva: First Secretary, representing the Russian Government at sessions of the governing bodies of international organizations based at Geneva (International Labour Organization, International Telecommunication Union, World Health Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Meteorological Organization) in respect of budget, finance and human resources issues.
1994-1996	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, International Organizations Department: Second Secretary, economic affairs, administrative and budgetary issues of international organizations of the United Nations system.
1990-1994	Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (subsequently the Russian Federation) in Senegal: Third and Second Secretary, economic affairs.
1987-1990	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, African Department: Attaché, technical cooperation and external debt issues.
1982-1987	Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in Guinea: Technical Cooperation Officer.

United Nations and international organizations

2003-2004	Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Committee.
1998-2000	Representing the Council of the International Telecommunication Union at the Board and Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.
2000-2004	Member of the Coordinating Committee on Remuneration (coordinated organizations: North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Council of Europe, Western European Union, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, European Space Agency, European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts).
2001-2004	Alternate member of the Budget Committee of the Council of Europe.
2001-2004	Member of the Advisory Group (on administrative and budgetary issues) of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.

Gerhard Küntzle (Germany)

Date of birth: 6 May 1955

Place of birth: Bietigheim, Germany

Career

2004	Budget Director and Chief Financial Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Berlin
2003-2004	Fellow, Weatherhead Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University
1999-present	Deputy Budget Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Berlin
1997-1999	Representative of Germany on the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations, New York
1995-1997	Planning and Compliance Officer, Office of the Under-Secretary-General, Office of Internal Oversight Services, United Nations Secretariat, New York
1991-1995	Desk Officer for UNICEF, UNHCR and UNRWA, United Nations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn
1989-1991	Consul, German Embassy, Beijing
1988-1989	Protocol Officer, Protocol Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn
1986-1988	Professional Training, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bonn
Since 1998	Representative of the General Assembly on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

Education

1985/86	University of Stuttgart, Germany Graduation in Political Science, English Language and Literature
Studies in Paris:	
1981/82	Institut d'Etudes politiques; Université de Paris I — Sorbonne
1979/80	Assistant teacher, Bournemouth, United Kingdom
Associations	Member of the German Society on Foreign Policy

Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe)

Date of birth:	11 April 1957
Marital status:	Single
Languages:	English, Portuguese

Professional experience

2004	Acting Divisional Head, Europe and the Americas Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2003	Director for Europe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2002	Acting Director for Europe and the Americas Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2001	Principal Administrative Officer, Policy Research and Promotion
2001-2004	Member, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board
1993-2000	Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations, Delegate of Zimbabwe on the Fifth Committee
August 1992-January 1993	Acting Head of Western Europe and the Americas Desk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1992-1993	Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
June 1988 - September 1989	Chargé d'affaires a.i., Maputo
1988-1991	Counsellor, Zimbabwe Embassy, Maputo
1985-1988	First Secretary, Zimbabwe Embassy, Maputo
1983-1985	Political Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
February 1983	Customs Officer, Harare

Educational qualifications

1980-1982	Bachelor of Administration, University of Zimbabwe
1996-1999	MBA, St. John's University, New York

Professional training and seminars

1983	Diplomatic training, Harare
1985	Diplomatic training seminar, Cairo
September 1996 and September 1998	International Peace Academy, New York

Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya)

Date of birth	30 June 1956 Married with two children

Education

1977-1980	University of Nairobi, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), Upper Second Class Hons. (Best overall student award)
1980-1981	Kenya School of Law, Diploma in Law. Admitted as Advocate of High Court of Kenya.
	Pupillage with Waruhiu and Muite Advocates and legal practice with the firm.
	Sat for and passed the Administrative Officers Examinations, 1984.

Training courses

Attended many training programmes, including the following:

	IOMAC/IOI Training Programme in Marine Affairs/Law of the Sea, Kuala Lumpur, 1988.
	Refugee Law training seminars, Kenya, 1989.
	Internship programme at the IUCN Environmental Law Centre, Bonn, on legal protection of biological diversity, 1990.
	UNITAR training programme on peacemaking and preventive diplomacy, Burg Schleining, Austria, 1994.

Employment

1981-1983	Legal Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya.
1983-January 1988	Second Secretary, later, First Secretary, Kenya Embassy, Tokyo.
February 1988- December 1989	Senior Legal Officer/Deputy Head of Legal Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Nairobi.
January 1990- December 1990	Acting Head, Legal Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Nairobi.

January 1991- June 1992	Special Assignment as Legal Adviser to the Kenya Government on United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), responsible for negotiating several environmental treaties, including Biodiversity, Climate Change and post-UNCED institutional arrangements.
1992-1993	Head, Legal Division/Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Nairobi.
September 1993- November 1996	Counsellor/Head of Chancery and Deputy Head of Mission, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, New York.
	Delegate to the Fifth Committee (administrative and budgetary matters).
	Actively participated in the Working Groups on United Nations reform, Security Council reform, financial situation of the United Nations and Agenda for Peace.
March-September 1996	Chargé d'affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, New York.
November 1996- January 1999	Counsellor/Head of Chancery and Deputy Head of Mission, Kenya Embassy, Tokyo.
January 1999- May 2000	Head, Legal Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nairobi.
June 2000-2003	Director for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2003-2004	Deputy Permanent Representative/Consul General, Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations, Geneva

International meetings and conferences

Attended several international conferences, including the following:

September- December 1999	Member and Coordinator of the Kenya delegation to the fifty-fourth regular session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York.
February-March 2000	Shuttle diplomacy between Kigali, Bujumbura, Kampala and Kinshasa.
March 2000	Delegate to the Conference of the Great Lakes and Horn of Africa Region on the Proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons.
March 2000	Leader of the Kenya delegation to the COMESA Workshop on Peace and Security, Lusaka; Chairman of the Drafting Committee.

February 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the Extraordinary Summit of the OAU, Sirte, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.
July 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the OAU Council of Ministers Summit, Lusaka, Zambia.
August-September 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, South Africa.
October 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the Africa-EU Ministerial Conference, Brussels.
November 2001	Member of the delegation of Kenya to the Preparatory Meeting of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development.
January-May 2002	Rapporteur of the Committee of Experts drafting instruments for the African Union.
September 2003	Fifth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, Bangkok.

Articles and publications

Has written several articles and publications, including the following:

The admissibility of illegally obtained evidence: a study in the theoretical foundations of criminal justice (to be published).

"The effectiveness of international environmental law in Africa", *African Environment Bulletin*.

The Evolution and Development of Diplomatic Immunity Law.

Human rights law: international concepts and their application in Kenya.

"The international legal regime of human rights", paper presented to a Workshop on Human Rights and the Public Service, KCCT, Mbagathi, March 1999.

"Diplomatic immunity with respect to international organizations; The case of the PTA Bank", *Legal opinion* (*Foreign Affairs Bulletin*), July, 1999.

"The doctrine of sovereignty in international relations", *Foreign Affairs Bulletin*, January 2000.

Professional memberships

Member of the Law Society of Kenya since 1992.

Member of the Board and Legal Adviser of Waste Management Centre, a Kenyan-registered NGO active in environmental management.

Member, United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, since January 1995. Responsible for the pension funds for the entire United Nations system, of a value of more than US$ 2 billion.

Vice-Chairman of the *Foreign Affairs Bulletin* Editorial Board, March 1999-present.

Hobbies

Reading, writing, travelling and using computers.

Thomas A. Repasch, Jr. (United States of America)

Date of birth

21 July 1950.

Current positions

2000-2004	Deputy Counsellor at the United States Mission to the United Nations, New York, with responsibility for United Nations administrative, budgetary and reform issues.
1996-2004	Member of the United States delegations to the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination.
2003-2004	Member of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board.

Previous professional experience

1972-1995	Extensive financial and operational audit experience as an auditor for the United States General Accounting Office in New York, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles and Panama.

Education and professional development

1972	Bachelor of Arts in economics/business administration, magna cum laude, Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (major in Accounting).
2002	Graduate of the United Nations Senior Management Seminar, Copenhagen and New York.
1991	Graduate of Federal Executive Development Center in Denver, Colorado: courses in quality management, leadership, workforce diversity and problem solving.
1985	Graduate of the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. with a certificate in national security issues.

Certification

Certified Government Financial Manager, awarded by the Association of Government Accountants.

Personal

Volunteers in a number of activities dealing with film, musical theatre, architecture and history.